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said graft having a pair of opposed free ends, said [element] spring attached to one of said free ends of said graft.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

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14. (Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 wherein said graft has a pair of opposed free ends, said [element] spring connected to one of said free ends, the region of said graft proximate to said [element] spring having a diameter greater than the diameter of the portion of said graft spaced from that [element] spring.

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(Please amend claim 15 as follows)

15. (Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 wherein said [element] spring is attached to one of two opposed free ends of said graft, said graft having a greater diameter on the end connected to said spring [element] than on said end spaced from said [element] spring, said graft tapering in diameter from said end connected to said [element] spring to a reduced diameter and having a relatively constant diameter over a portion of the remainder of the graft.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

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18. (Amended) The ~~prosthesis~~ of claim 12 wherein said graft includes a pair of ~~opposed~~ ends, a spring [element] being attached to only one of said ends of said graft.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

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21. (Four Times Amended) A vascular prosthesis for repairing a diseased first vessel comprising:  
a folded, resilient, annular [ring] spring having a first pair of loops extending in one direction and a second pair

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of loops extending in the opposite direction, said first and second pairs of loops connected together, and  
a tubular graft connected to said [ring] spring, wherein said tubular graft has a pair of free ends, one of said free ends being more resilient than the other of said free ends.

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Claim 23, line 3, delete "ring" and insert in lieu thereof --spring--.

Claim 24, line 2, delete "ring" and insert in lieu thereof --spring--.

Claim 25, line 2, delete "rings" and insert in lieu thereof --springs--.

Claim 27, line 2, delete "ring" and insert in lieu thereof --spring--.

Please amend claim 32 as follows:

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32. (Four Times Amended) A prosthesis for insertion within a body passage comprising:

a first section including a resiliently deformable first annular element and a first tubular graft that is less resilient than said first annular element, said first tubular graft having a pair of free ends and an internal surface, said first annular element connected to one of said free ends; [and]

a second section axially aligned with said first section, said second section including a resiliently deformable second annular element, said second annular element of said second section adapted to communicate with and resiliently engage an internal surface of said first tubular graft of said first section so as to adjustably fix the second section within the first tubular graft;

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